


REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 1 – 12 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,444,214, issued to Cole. Cole discloses dispersible polymer formulations wherein the polymers themselves are not dispersible and the formulations are only dispersible due to the addition of dispersible additives such as wetting agents and plasticizers. In contrast to Cole, the present invention discloses a non-woven material having a water-dispersible polymer that is dispersible without the addition of any dispersible additives. Claim 1 has been amended to specifically claim polymers that are water dispersible without the addition of any dispersible additives. As anticipation under 35 U.S.C. 102 requires identity of invention, in view of the significant difference between Cole and the present application, as amended, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 – 12 are patentable under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) over Cole.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. If there are any issues that the Examiner wishes to discuss, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

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